Wetbacks

VOLUNTARY DEPORTATIONS....

The deportation system as adopted for the Lower Rio Grande Valley in its ~~mass deportations~~ daily mass deportations has proven both efficient and humane ~~in~~ south Texas yellow journalism on 'inhuman treatment' to the contrary.

The wetbcak deportees are classified basically as eligibles or ineligibles. The eligibles are those who will be transported to some other part of the border for deportation by the present 'bus lift' which has replaced the original 'plane lift' and 'trainlift'. ~~Married couples, family groups~~ Married couples, family groups, except those with tiny babies, single girls and all young boys under 17 years of age, are hauled to Laredo for deportation to Nuevo Laredo.

Single 'bucks' seventeen years and over are sent to Zapata by bus and deported at that port. No family groups, women, or boys under seventeen are ever included in the Zapata bus lift.

Deportees from the Brownsville area, the eligibles, with the exception of single girls, are bus lifted to Roma, Texas, usually late in the evening, and deported at that point.

The Rio Grande City pontoon bridge is used to deport about 3,000 a month, of all classifications.

Reynosa is the main port for the deportation of ineligibles which include family groups where there are babies in arms, the sick, the aged and infirm, and all pregnant women. Any baggage or clothing in this group is hauled by the Border Patrol to the Mexican side of the border where it is picked up by the owners on arrival there.

The Brownsville-Matamoros bridge is also used by that part of the sector to deport a considerable number of ineligibles apprehended in the Brownsville-San Benito area.

If the deportee has money on his possession, he is expected to pay his own bridge toll. If he has none, the Border Patrol foots the bill, which in most points of departure, ~~is~~ grows to a sizeable sum each month.

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